

Weekend Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy – high 77, low 66

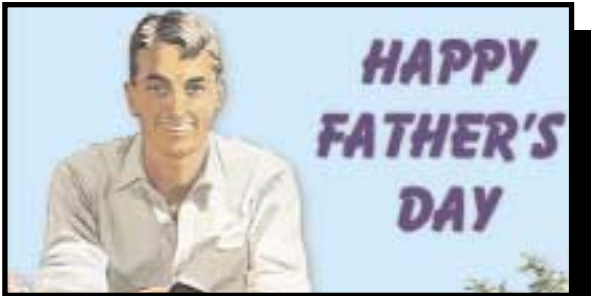
Saturday: Partly Cloudy – high 81, low 64

Sunday: Partly Cloudy – high 84, low 64



Sorties

Squadron	Month	Year
8th FW	-50	+46
35th FS	-14	+27
80th FS	-36	+46



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Wolf pack mourns fallen warrior  
*Kunsan F-16 pilot dies in fatal plane crash*

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First Lt. Randolph “Randy” Murff, better known as “Chongo” to his fellow fighter pilots at the 35th Fighter Squadron, died Tuesday when his F-16 crashed about 40 miles southeast of

Kunsan.

Murff, having 259.5 flying hours, was beginning a night training mission in military airspace when his plane crashed in a nearby rice field.

No evacuation of the area was necessary and no other injuries were reported. At this time, damage to civilian property is being assessed. A board of qualified

officers will continue to investigate the accident.

Fellow Pantons along with many other Wolf Pack members attended a memorial service today at 11 a.m. in Hangar 3, in honor of their fellow warrior.

“Chongo was a great man, officer and fighter pilot,” said Col. Burt Field, 8th

Fighter Wing commander. “I wish I knew a magical way to ease the pain and grief over his loss, but I don’t. So, we will continue to cherish his memory, support each other and work together to get through this tragedy.”

The 8th Fighter Wing extends its condolences to the family members and friends who lost their loved one.

Wolf Pack helps farmers during drought

By 1st Lt. Miki Kristina Krejcarek  
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Wolf Pack and Republic of Korea 106th army regiment members supported local farmers of Kunsan Province Tuesday by helping clear irrigation channels on nearby farmland, alleviating the effects of the drought season.

Using rakes and sickles, more than 50 Wolf Pack warriors and about 100 Korean Army and Air Force members worked side by side, clearing ditches of weeds and shrubs to establish an unobstructed pathway to increase water flow to the surrounding agricultural land.

Senior Airman Jeremy Johnson, 35th Fighter Squadron, stated that this event provided an opportunity to interact with the Korean military and community members.

“There is not too much of a chance to do this on the flight line,” he said. “It was a welcoming experience because it was a chance to help someone out.”

The farmers and the Republic of Korea army nevertheless appreciated the Wolf Pack’s support during the worst drought Kunsan has seen in a century.

“This is the first time we have combined with the U.S. forces, and the more opportunity we have to interact, the better,” said Capt. Hosoo Jung, 1st Battalion platoon commander.

Because of the scope of this project, 8th Fighter Wing Vice Commander Col. Dennis Rea said that an increase in volunteers for this particular event would definitely make a difference for the future.

“This event embodies the spirit of American and Korean teamwork,” he said. “Our goal is to enhance our relations and be good neighbors with the surrounding communities.”

Although the hours were long, Wolf Pack members



Republic of Korea and U.S. Air Force members help out at a nearby water way to clean away brush and allow water flow to the crops during the worst drought Kunsan has seen in a century.

were glad to support the local community.

“It’s was a slow process, but there was a lot of teamwork involved,” said Airman 1st Class Joe Wolski, 8th

Security Forces Squadron. “Farming is a major part of the Korean culture, and what we did will help get water to the crops.”